

BIRMINGHAM

## Jim G. McLaughlin

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### Jim's Profile

Jim is a Shareholder and member of Maynard's Corporate Securities & Tax practice group. He serves as Co-Chair of the Energy & Natural Resources and the Family Business practices.

He has broad experience across a number of corporate transactions. He regularly assists clients with business acquisitions and divestures. He has significant experience in structuring joint ventures in a wide variety of industries and involving both domestic and international businesses. Jim also provides general counsel services to a number of companies, helping them address the various legal and business issues that arise in the conduct of their business. He is also regularly called upon to assist in venture capital transactions.

In the energy and natural resources sector, Jim has worked extensively with oil and gas companies and mining companies on an array of matters including mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, equity investments, development projects, energy tax credit transactions, divestitures and other business activities. He has also worked on a number of matters related to timber and wood product companies including the Greenfield development of a wood pellet project and tax credit transactions related to biomass energy generation.

Jim has been very involved with the Alabama Law Institute (ALI) and its various drafting committees tasked with drafting laws governing various types of entities. He has served on ALI committees that have both revised and completely redrafted Alabama's laws related to limited liability companies, limited partnerships, and corporations. He frequently lectures on various topics relating to entities with a special emphasis on issues associated with limited liability companies.

Jim is listed in The Best Lawyers in America® for Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law and Tax Law and was distinguished as the Best Lawyers 2019 "Lawyer of the Year" in the area of Mergers and Acquisitions.

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He is also listed in Super Lawyers in the area of Business/Corporate. Martindale-Hubbell rates Jim AV-Preeminent®.

## Jim's Experience

- Represented a company listed on the London Stock Exchange in numerous upstream and midstream transactions involving the purchase of approximately 60,000 wells and thousands of miles of pipeline in the Appalachian Basin
- Represented investor in structuring joint ventures related to real estate projects involving commercial office buildings, multi-family projects and retail developments throughout the United States
- Represented coal mine operator in sale of controlling interest in underground mine to publicly traded company based in Australia and private company based in Singapore
- Assisted company in obtaining state and local tax incentives in connection with development of a new underground coal mine in Alabama
- Represented private owners in sale of car rental franchises to publicly traded company
- Represented publicly traded company in its sale of a coal terminal and associated properties located in Mobile, Alabama
- Represented global mining-focused private equity fund in due diligence of coal company with underground and surface mines
- Represented publicly traded corporation in its acquisition of active underground coal mine and related coal reserves from a subsidiary of a global energy company
- Represented timber company in all aspects associated with its development of a wood pellet facility
- Represented international investor in connection with its acquisition of Segway Inc. and its subsequent divestiture of the company to a private venture-capital firm
- Assisted coal company in obtaining state and local tax incentives in connection with expansion of underground and surface mining operations in Alabama
- Represents developer of medical office buildings throughout the U.S. in connection with its joint ventures associated with the development of various real estate projects
- Represented group of private lumber mills in Texas, Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama in sale of interests in joint venture that generated tax credits from the production and sale of biomass gases to a publicly traded financial institution
- Represented private lumber mills in Georgia and Florida in a sale of interests in joint venture that generated tax credits from the production and sale of biomass gases to a publicly traded financial institution
- Represented private lumber mill in North Carolina in sale of interests in joint venture that generated tax credits from the production and sale of biomass gases to a publicly traded financial institution
- Represented the developer in negotiating and structuring a joint venture related to the assemblage, acquisition, development and financing of a yacht club and marina in Key West, Florida that

- included mega yacht and large yacht slips, dry docks, boat engine repair and other marina support facilities, a hotel and boardwalk retail
- Represented private company in the sale of interests in four refined coal facilities located in Illinois, California, and Indiana to a subsidiary of a publicly traded insurance company
  - Represented a corporation in the sale of substantially all of its assets including its active surface mining operations and large tracts of coal reserves
  - Assisted in negotiations and preparation of numerous long term coal sales agreement involving both domestic and international sales
  - Assisted with the preparation and negotiation of agreements for the placement of synthetic fuel facilities at an operating coal mine and foundry coke producer facility
  - Represented hospital in structuring a joint venture with a private company related to hospice operations
  - Represented a hospital in connection with a joint venture with a national home health care organization

## Jim's Awards

- Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business, Corporate/Commercial
- The Best Lawyers in America® for Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, and Tax Law (2009 - present)
- Best Lawyers® "Lawyer of the Year" in the areas of Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2019), Tax Law (2023)
- Founding Fellow, American College of LLC and Partnership Attorneys (2020)
- Mid-South Super Lawyers for Business/Corporate Law
- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent Rating

## Jim's Affiliations and Civic Involvement

- American Bar Association
- Alabama State Bar Association
- Alabama Law Institute
  - Business Entities Standing Committee (2014-Present)
  - Limited Liability Company Act Drafting Committee (2009-2014)
  - Limited Partnership Act Drafting Committee (2004-2009)
  - Alabama Limited Liability Company Drafting Committee (1996-1997)
- Federal Tax Clinic, Board Member
- Birmingham Volunteer Lawyers Program, Board of Directors

## Bar Admissions

State Bar: Alabama

## Education

- New York University
  - (1995, LL.M, Tax Law Review, Graduate Editor)

- University of Alabama School of Law
  - (1994, J.D., magna cum laude; Alabama Law Review, Articles Editor)
  
- University of Alabama
  - (1990, B.S., Accounting, magna cum laude)